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of the Ascension, beginning December 1. Miss Goodwin's work at St. Andrew's Church received much favorable attention from the musical people of the city. Possessed of a brilliant and powerful soprano voice, her solos alone will be quite a feature. Miss Goodwin has executive ability of a high order, as well as great personal magnetism, which is a necessary adjunct in the forming and keeping together of a large vested choir.

The quartet of Foundry M. E. Church is now complete in its organization for the coming year, the following well-known singers having been engaged: Mrs. Joseph Chunn, soprano; Miss Adeline Lynham, alto; Howard Butterworth, tenor; Charles F. Hall, bass.

At St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral last Sunday afternoon there was an installation service, when ten new choristers were formally admitted to the choir. The rector, Dr. Devries, delivered an address on the duties and obligations of choir members, and the music was rendered by the united two male choirs of the church, comprising over forty voices.

The soloists of the reorganized choir of the First Presbyterian Church are: Miss Mary McKenzie Byrne, soprano; Mrs. E. L. Williams, alto; Frank E. Middleton and George Lawrence, tenors; Randall Cox, baritone, and Will E. Hopkins, bass. George Lawrence is the director and Paul Sperry the organist.

RUBIES.
From the Scotsman.

In trade three classes of rubies are distinguished—rubies of the orient, rubies of Siam and spinel rubies. The different varieties called balass rubies, Brazil rubies, rose rubies, rubane rubies, rock rubies, Siberian rubies, etc., cannot be compared at all with the preceding, of which they have neither the composition nor the constitution. Apart from the balass ruby, which, from a scientific viewpoint, does not differ from the spinel ruby, all the others are, properly speaking, only colored quartz or feldspar. The ruby of the orient is the first of all colored stones in beauty, as in price. Its marvelous hue is that of the human blood as it jets from an open artery, that of the red ray of the solar spectrum at its maximum intensity.

The ruby is one of the most exquisite products of nature, but it is becoming more and more rare to find it perfect. It even causes astonishment to find an oriental ruby as large in size as the topazes and sapphires of the same countries. If it reaches a certain size it is almost always filled with defects. Rubies of all sizes are put to use. The smallest, down to twenty or thirty of the carat, are employed especially for delicate jewelry, for numbers, figures, etc. Many of the smallest are cabochons. When a ruby exceeds the weight of a carat it commands a high price. A ruby may fetch ten or twenty times the price of a diamond of the same weight if it is really of a superior quality.

It may be interesting to give the figures at which rubies were valued fifty years ago. They were much lower than today. A perfect ruby of one carat was priced at 200 francs; of two carats, 900 francs; three carats, 3,600 francs; five carats, 14,400 francs, and six carats, 24,000 francs. In general the cutting and the brilliant of rubies have double refraction. The carbuncle, to which the ancients attributed fantastic properties, was no other than the ruby. It served, as is said, to give light to certain large serpents or dragons whose sight had been enfeebled by age; they bore them constantly between their teeth and laid them down only for eating and drinking. It is even claimed that the carbuncle emitted light in darkness, and that the thickest cloud could not stop its rays.

Without all the exaggeration of such legends it was believed for a long time that rubies contained luminous rays. The truth is that they have double refraction. One of the red rays with unequal brilliancy. Traversed in a vacuum by an electric current they are illuminated with a red fire of extreme intensity. The greatest heat does not change their form or their color. The most beautiful rubies come from Ceylon, India and China. The mines of Pegu are nearly exhausted, or but little worked today. The regions where they are situated are in the states of the grand mogul the exportation of rubies is forbidden until they have been exhibited to the sovereign, who retains the most beautiful. The large rubies of the orient, being excessively rare, are so much the more celebrated. The largest known in Europe is said to be one that the Russian caravans brought from China, and other precious stones in exchange for their peltries, and which forms today one of the ornaments of the imperial court of Russia.

It is seen by the inventory of 1791 that France possessed eighty-one oriental rubies, of diverse forms and qualities. One of them remained for a long time in a rough state. In consequence of two or three points which could not be removed without sensibly diminishing the value of the stone; but a diamond artist was able to put these defects to use and transformed the rough stone to a dragon with outstretched wings. This is the most beautiful oriental ruby known.

Flattering Cholly.
From Luck.
Cholly (to Caddie, searching for lost ball)—"What are you looking there for? Why, I must have driven it fifty yards further than this!"

The Diplomatic Caddie.—"But sometimes they hit a stone, sir, and bounce back a terrible distance."

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A Tall Texan.
From the St. Louis Republic.
H. C. Thurston, a Mount Vernon (Texas) planter, a confederate veteran, the tallest man in the southern army, served continuously with Parson's brigade of Missouri cavalry, and although 7 feet 7½ inches in height, he was wounded only once in all the campaigns of that hard-fighting command. His life has been one of adventure. When gold was discovered in California he left his home in Morgan county to become a soldier of fortune. After prospecting a year he returned via Panama, Cuba and New Orleans aboard the steamer Filcon, who ran the gauntlet of Spanish warships near Cuba. When the civil war came he was among the first volunteers to enlist in the confederate army. He was with General Marmaduke's division of Parson's brigade at Shreveport, La., June 9, 1865. His extraordinary height made him a mark for hundreds of sharpshooters, but a happy destiny seemed to guide his movements, and the only injury he sustained was a wound received in an active engagement at Poison Springs.

A Mule Problem.
From the Chicago News.
An old Maryland colored man was summoned to court by the controversy over the ownership of a mule.
"Who bought the mule?" demanded the judge.
"Clem Smif on Ah each bought half oh him, sah," responded the old man.
"Where is Smith now?"
"He ain't nebbek cum down yit, sah. He went to curry his half when his half wuz in a bad humor. Now Clem's chillun wants to get deh father's half away from my half, en deh half am dess half."
"Stop!" roared the judge. "Dismiss the case."

The Platonic Stage.
From the Chelsea (Mass.) Gazette.
Mr. Bappy—"Would you leave your happy home for me?"
Clara—"Most certainly—if I saw you coming and the rear door wasn't locked."

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